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The Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

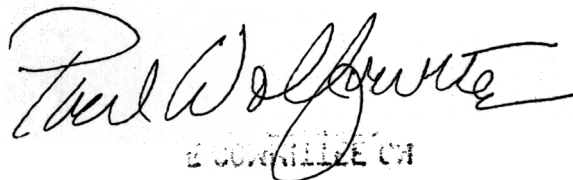
Dear Mr. Chairman:

In furtherance of our prosecution of the global war on terrorism, it is crucial to improve the capability of the Afghan national armed forces to assist us in our efforts and to continue to resist al Qaeda terrorists. This vital effort must begin immediately. Therefore, the Department of Defense intends to fund the initial costs of training and equipping the Afghan national armed forces. Approximately \$4 million will be needed to initiate this effort, which we expect will be provided from a combination of drawdown of defense articles, services, and training under the Foreign Assistance Act; funds from the CINC Initiative Fund; and funds from "Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide" under the emergency and extraordinary expenses authority.

In accordance with section 127(c) of title 10 United States Code, I wish to notify the Committee of my intent to use the authority provided under section 127 and the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2002, to obligate and expend up to \$950,000 to train and equip the Afghan national armed forces from funds available to the Department for emergencies and extraordinary expenses.

A similar letter is being sent to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the other Defense Oversight Committees.

Sincerely,


PAUL WOLFOWITZ

cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Democrat

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